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## Luke, Tohono O'odham sign agreement

### Leaders commit to consult, coordinate on mutual interests

By Teresa Nelson  
56th Range Management Office

Luke Air Force Base and Tohono O'odham Nation leaders signed an agreement Dec. 6 solidifying the relationship between the two organizations.

The Nation has 7.1 million acres of land in South-east Arizona near the Barry M. Goldwater Range, Luke's busiest training range.

Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant and Chairman Edward Manuel signed the Memorandum of Understanding solidifying a commitment by both parties to communicate, coordinate and consult with each other regarding mutual interests.

The signing took place during the monthly Legislative Council meeting of the Nation in Sells, Ariz. Previously, there were no formal agreements guiding the activities between the Nation and Luke.

"This Memorandum of Understanding is the foundation for additional protocols that we will continue to build upon, further cementing the positive relationship between the Nation and Luke," said General Sargeant at the signing ceremony.

The MOU officially recognizes the government-to-government relationship that exists between Luke and the Nation as they work together to protect the lands and heritage of the Nation, accomplish the military mission of the Air Force, and promote cultural and natural resource stewardship of public lands like the Barry M. Goldwater Range.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus  
**Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, and Chairman Edward Manuel, Tohono O'odham Nation leader, sign an agreement solidifying the relationship between Luke and the Tohono O'odham Nation.**

It's a long-awaited document that has taken many years to coordinate, write and have signed, said Lt. Col. Lesa Wagner, 56th FW Range Management Office special projects officer. Without it, Luke didn't have the authority to enter into other protocols such as partnering on natural and cultural resource protection and military flights over the Nation.

"The MOU is important to Luke because the BMGR, as a tactical training range, requires the use of airspace over the Nation," Colonel Wagner

said. "We would not fly over Mexico or Spain or Russia without a prior agreement to fly in their air space. This document paves the way for us to continue to be good neighbors."

The MOU is based on the Defense Department American Indian and Alaska Native Policy publication. The publication includes two executive orders signed by former President William Clinton that prescribe how agencies will interact with Native American governments.

### Warm Heart ...

A photograph of three men standing together and holding a large ceremonial check. The man on the left is in a military camouflage uniform. The man in the center is in a green flight suit. The man on the right is in a dark suit and tie. The check is from Credit Union West, dated December 11, 2001, for the amount of \$2,500.00, payable to Operation Warm Heart. The check is signed by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dooms.

**Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dooms**  
**Patrick Weber (far right), Credit Union West marketing director, presents a \$2,500 check to Col. Dennis Rea (center), 56th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Master Sgt. James Robertson, Luke's First Sergeants Council president, for Operation Warm Heart. First sergeants use Operation Warm Heart funds to help airmen in times of need.**

## Luke Link

### Riders gets new bus, prevents pollution

By Airman Kara Philp  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Congressman Ed Pastor recently secured \$175,000 for the purchase of a new Luke Link bus to service the Glendale and Luke area.

"This is just another example of the great support that Luke receives from our leaders in Arizona," said Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "Our Thunderbolts will definitely benefit from the new bus."

The Luke Link, which is part of the base's Trip Reduction Program, was implemented due to Maricopa County Trip Reduction Ordinance P-7.

"The Luke Link is important to the community because leaving your car at home contributes to clean air," said Gary Ewing, 56th CES Environmental Flight TRP manager. "It is also the only bus system out here in the West Valley. It is the only way for some people get to the base."

The Luke Link is free to all Luke employees, cost is \$1.25 for everyone else. It operates between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Luke Link formerly picked up riders at the commissary, but since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks it has been making hourly pickups at the Circle K on the corner of Glendale Avenue and Litchfield Road due to the entry point barricades.

"It's a regular route for the city of Glendale," Mr. Ewing said. "It's open

to the public, except they can't get on base."

The Luke Link stops at Luke and at other stops along Glendale Avenue between the base and the intersection at 59th and Northern avenues.

"The Luke Link is important for airmen without cars because everybody needs to have a life off base," said Airman 1st Class Jake McCarthy, 56th Communications Squadron network engineer. "Not only that, but it's better for the environment and it's cheaper (than driving a car)."

Airman McCarthy recently rode the Luke Link and transferred onto the Phoenix Metro System which took him to the Arrowhead Mall.

"I didn't feel like driving that day," Airman McCarthy said. "And I knew that I could get to wherever I wanted to go—restaurants, movies or the mall."

Bus Card Plus cards are also available to members who live on a metro bus route and may choose the bus to commute to the Luke Link route. The Bus Card Plus card is paid for by the Trip Reduction Program for Luke employees to ride the Valley Metro for free in order to use the Luke Link.

"By leaving the car at home, it saves that much pollution from going into the air," Mr. Ewing said. "Every 27 miles driven in a vehicle equals one pound of pollution."

For more information about the Luke Link, Bus Card Plus or schedules, call Mr. Ewing (623) 856-3815, Ext. 230.



Action Line



Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant  
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line, please give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at (623) 856-7011 or send an e-mail to [command.actionline@luke.af.mil](mailto:command.actionline@luke.af.mil). Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke Air Force Base a better place to live and work.

Who to call:	
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
MPF customer service	856-7874

Airman's Attic

**Comment:** I want to know if Luke can find a larger place for the Airmen's Attic. I live in base housing and had furniture I would have given to the Airmen's Attic; however, because there is no room to store it, they can only put my phone number on the bulletin board for people to pick up these items at my house. This is a great idea if the donor lives off base and has a lot of space, but it does not work for anyone living on base because residents cannot store extra furniture outside.

**Answer:** Thanks for your concern for our young airmen and their families. The shortage of storage space that you're talking about has already been identified. A new location (in Bldg. 1140 directly behind the Support Center) for Family Services and the Airmen's Attic has been identified and is currently under renovation. The renovated building has an area to handle large donated items and it should be open for business in early January. Watch for more information in the Thunderbolt.

E-mail, [command.actionline@luke.af.mil](mailto:command.actionline@luke.af.mil) or call, (623) 856-7011.

For family matters, visit [www.luke.af.mil/lukefam](http://www.luke.af.mil/lukefam) or call, (623) 856-4243

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2002 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	7422	39,376
Flying hours	10,044.8	51,687
Pilot graduates	129	995
MRA graduates	157	937

Luke people deployed:  
AEF 7/8: 42    AEF 9/10: 61  
Others: 61

# JCS chief thanks airmen, soliders, sailors, Marines

By Gen. Richard B. Myers  
Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

As 2001 draws to a close, I extend to each of you — America's outstanding soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and DOD civilians — and your families, my warmest wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season. I am very proud of you, and deeply appreciate your selflessness, sacrifice, dedication, patriotism, and your love of our great country.

With the events of September 11 etched forever in our hearts and minds, all Americans are more grateful than ever for the work you do and the sacrifices you make each and every day. The citizens of this great land realize the dangers you face defending our way of life in the war against global terrorism, and I am certain that during this special time of the year, you are in their thoughts and prayers.

During the holidays, we will reflect on what we hold dear and spend time with those we love. Of

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Gen. Richard B. Myers  
Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

course, many in uniform will be unable to join their families because duty will keep them in the field, at sea, or in the air. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those in the Defense Department serving far from home — away from family and loved ones during the holiday season.

At this special time of the year, Mary Jo joins me in sending warmest wishes for a season filled with hope, happiness and joy. All the best for the New Year.

## 19th AF

### Gen. Polk reflects on past year's blessings

By Maj. Gen. Steven Polk  
19th Air Force commander

Filled with the promise of peace and hope, the holiday season is a time when all Americans share a special sense of pride, patriotism and unity.

It is a time when we traditionally draw closer to family and friends and take time to reflect on the accomplishments and blessings of the past year.

This holiday season brings all

Americans closer together.

It also brings a greater understanding that the promise of "Peace on Earth" is only attainable because of the professionalism, dedication and sacrifices of our armed forces.

Each member of the 19th Air Force team — whether active duty, Reserve component, civilian, contractor or family member — can be justifiably proud of this service to our great nation and to the vision of a

safer, brighter tomorrow.

As you enjoy the holidays and have well-earned time off with family and friends, keep in mind those who cannot be with their loved ones and, wherever possible, include them in your holiday plans.

Henrietta and I sincerely wish you a safe and joyous holiday season and pray that your new year will be filled with happiness, good health and God's peace.

## FW commander wishes Luke happy, safe holiday season

By Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant  
56th Fighter Wing commander

As we enter the holiday season, I want each Thunderbolt to know how much I appreciate the hard work and dedication displayed throughout the year. Creating six mission spares, receiving an excellent rating during our Operational Readiness Inspection, and flying over 43,000 sorties during the fiscal year all attest to the great teamwork that our Luke Thunderbolts have achieved. You accomplished all this, in addition to the unexpected taskings in response to the September 11th tragedy.

America looks to the military as a symbol of freedom and protection and it is a role we cannot take lightly. Whether you work in the operations, support, logistics or medical group your sacrifices and dedication to excellence ensure Luke's mission never misses a beat. You are vital to meeting our mission of training the world's finest F-16 pilots and crew chiefs for Combat Air Forces and providing agile combat support.

Today more than 160 of our fellow Thunderbolts are away from their families and friends in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Let us not forget

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Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant  
56th Fighter Wing commander

them or their families during this time of year.

As we move into the holiday season, I want you to remember to take care of one another. One way you can do this is to not let anyone you know drink and drive. As you attend holiday gatherings, plan ahead, use designated drivers if you drink, and be wary of other drivers who may be careless or driving under the influence.

Finally, make sure you and your loved ones wear seat belts. The loss of a Thunderbolt due to carelessness would be devastating.

To you and yours, Vivie and I wish you a wonderful and joyous holiday season and a safe, prosperous and happy new year.

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Staff Sgt. Corey Drury

**Tech. Sgt. David Brown, 56th Operations Group Quality Assurance specialist, inspects a jet for chafing.**

## Sergeant earns QA award

**By Staff Sgt. Corey Drury**  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A sergeant from the 56th Operations Group Quality Assurance office recently won the AETC 2001 Defense Standardization Program Award.

Tech. Sgt. David Brown won the award for discovering chafing problems with the F-16 aircraft. Chafing is when a wire or wire bundle rubs against a screw or metal object during flight causing cuts to the wires, electrical problems and fires in some cases.

"I'm excited about the award and thrilled that Chief Harris recognized me and put me in for this award," Sergeant Brown said.

Sergeant Brown was nominated because of his problem-solving abilities.

"He conducted a 10-percent wing inspection after having an aircraft wire harness catch fire and found five identical chafing problems on F-16 aircraft flight control harnesses," said Chief Master Sgt. Sandra Harris, 56th Operations Group Quality Assurance superintendent.

"Sergeant Brown also single-handedly made numerous outstanding contributions in identifying and repairing high-risk wire areas," he added.

Sergeant Brown coordinated with Lockheed and F-16 avionics functional managers at AETC to develop

the first 56th Fighter Wing F-16 Chafing Awareness Training Program. He was also chosen to attend an avionics conference in Ogden, Utah where he briefed attendees about chafing problems.

"Sergeant Brown is one of my superstars. He is like a bulldog. Sergeant Brown goes straight to the source and fixes it," Chief Harris said.

Because of Sergeant Brown's extensive work and knowledge, he has significantly reduced the chance of ground and air F-16 safety mishaps, Chief Harris said.

Even though these planes are getting old and there are a lot of old wires, Sergeant Brown's program is helping to recognize numerous problems with chafing, Chief Harris said. "He not only is saving airplanes, but also saving lives."

"Sergeant Brown's research with F-16 chafing problems has resulted in changes Air Force-wide on how F-16 wire harnesses are inspected, repaired and secured," said Chief Harris.

The chafing-awareness training program is being added to the new rewrite of Air Force Instruction 21-101 "Maintenance Management of Aircraft" as a required course for both initial and recurring training for F-16 maintenance personnel.

"Because of Sergeant Brown's work he has saved a possible safety mishap from happening to any one of the wing's aircraft or a loss of life," Chief Harris said.

## Thunderbolt Instructor Pilot of the Week

**Name:** Maj. Pete "Jabba" Graves, 63rd Fighter Squadron

**Duty title:** Scheduler

**Hometown:** Winterport, Maine

**Family:** Wife, Isabel; son, Geoffrey, and one on the way

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Engineering Sciences, space vehicles design track from the U.S. Air Force Academy

**Time in service:** 16 years

**Previous assignments:** Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; and Aviano AB, Italy.

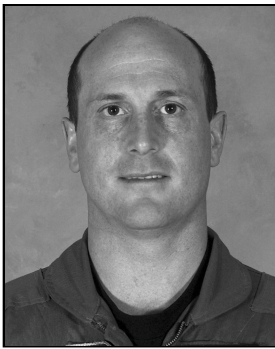
**Goals:** To be the best F-16 instructor pilot in the squadron.

**Greatest feat:** Never leaving the F-16 cockpit since I graduated from pilot training.

**Hobbies, off-duty interests:** Bow hunting, fishing, camping and any activity with my family.

**Inspirations:** My wife and my family.

**Commander's comments:** "Pete is a valuable asset to our squadron," said Lt. Col. Michael Stuart, 63rd FS commander. "His years of experience in the F-16 and his combat experience from Bosnia make him an outstanding instructor to prepare students for their operational assignments."



Graves

## News Briefs

### Thunderbolt deadlines

The last Thunderbolt issue of the year is Dec. 21. Submissions for that paper are due today. The next issue will be printed Jan. 11. For more information, call (623) 856-6055.

### Airmen holiday events

The dorm council is conducting holiday festivities for Luke airmen Dec. 22 to 28 starting at 7 p.m. every day at the community center. Free food, drinks, games and prizes are available. The council is also presenting movies at the base theater free for dorm residents. Call Senior Airman Scotty Backhaus at (623) 856-9308 for more information.

### Federal holiday

President Bush has declared Dec. 24 an additional federal holiday. Therefore, civilians are granted the day off without charge to leave. Employees who are required to work for mission-essential reasons will receive holiday premium pay. Employees who work a compressed Monday through Friday work schedule for whom Dec. 24 is a regularly scheduled day off will celebrate the holiday Dec. 21. For more information, call (623) 856-7762.

### Thunderbird applications

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are currently accepting applications for three demonstration pilots, an operations officer, executive officer and public affairs officer for the 2003 and 2004 season. Packages are due Jan. 31. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Brandy Erven at DSN 682-9582.

### Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop has moved to Bldg. 610, which is located on Jerstad Lane between Mustang Street and Fighter Country Ave. It re-opens Jan. 9 and will be open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are taken up to 1 p.m. both days.

### Termite inspections

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology Shop has hired First and Last Pest Management Services to conduct visual termite inspections of Saguaro Manor military family housing units. The company will send out written notifications to schedule inspections with each resident. Call (623) 856-3007 for more information.

### Safety video

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Office has a Christmas tree safety video showing at 7:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 2:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. daily on the commander's access channel until Dec. 31. For more information, call (623) 856-3766.

### Safety briefings

The 56th Fighter Wing Safety office is sponsoring a briefing by Pete Collins, retired Mississippi state patrolman, today at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. in the base theater. Mr. Collins' one-hour briefing covers driving under the influence prevention and defensive driving. Call Master Sgt. Lori Ault at (623) 856-6105 for more information.

### UFT board meeting

The next undergraduate flying training board will meet at the Air Force personnel center April 23. It will review applications for pilot, navigator and air battle manager training. Officers with a birth date after Oct. 1, 1972 and a total active duty federal service date after Oct. 1, 1997 are eligible to apply for UFT. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 22 to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4733. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Richard Bouting at (623) 856-7852.

### New hours

The pass and registrations office at the Defense Logistics Agency, located near the intersection of El Mirage Road and Glendale Avenue, is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



# Officials reiterate security during holidays

Story and photo illustration by  
Tech. Sgt. Alan S. Lewis  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

During this time of holiday gatherings and events, people are often asked about their jobs and lifestyles. When asked these questions, Thunderbolts should remember they must follow specific rules when handling sensitive information.

“Although it may be tempting, don’t discuss classified information with spouses, neighbors or acquaintances,” said Tech. Sgt. Jerold Haupt, 56th Security Forces Squadron information security NCO in charge. “As a military member or civilian employee, each of us is responsible for protecting classified or sensitive information under our control.”

Before releasing classified information to anyone, Thunderbolts must first determine if three pre-conditions are met:

- ◆ First, does the requestor have a valid need to know?
- ◆ Second, does the requestor have the appropriate security clearance?
- ◆ Third, has the requestor signed a Standard Form 312, “Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement?”

Only after determining these pre-conditions have been met can the information be released.

Thunderbolts also may be asked questions about their jobs when they

are deployed or when force protection levels increase.

“Some inquiries may seem simple, but remember the answers could be classified,” Sergeant Haupt said. “Normally these are inquiries by curious folks who want to be ‘in the know,’ but they could also be individuals with malicious intentions towards America.”

Spies seeking to gather information have been known to befriend military members.

“One scenario could be a person that you met at a restaurant and started engaging in idle talk over a meal,” Sergeant Haupt said. “At first, they may ask you if you’re in the military or what you do at the base. As the person gets to know you he may start asking more specific, but seemingly innocent questions.”

At this stage, it appears as though the new friend has taken an interest in the job. After several months or even years, they may start asking questions with classified answers. This is when people must contact the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Protecting classified information in the work place is another area of concern.

Classified documents are especially vulnerable when removed from a storage container.

When a document is removed from a safe, only keep it out as long as absolutely necessary and it must remain under positive control at all times, Ser-



**A Thunderbolt secures classified information. It is important that all Thunderbolts do not discuss classified information while away for the holidays.**

geant Haupt said. When finished, return it to the container and lock the drawer.

Other areas of concern are telephones, cell phones, e-mail, hand-held radios and other unsecure means of communication.

“Classified material must never be transmitted in this manner,” Sergeant Haupt said. “You never know who may be monitoring your conversation and talking around it or making up your own code doesn’t work. Professionals who may be listening know how to put these puzzles together.”

Knowing these information security tips help protect classified or sensitive

information, especially during the current war on terrorism

“The recent attacks on the United States shows the need to protect classified information is more important than ever before,” said Maj. Tracey Meck, 56th SFS commander.

Classified information needs to be protected at all times, not only during war.

“The Cold War may be over, but there are still nations with hostile intentions towards the United States. When dealing with classified information, just remember the old World War II poster ‘Loose Lips Sink Ships,’” Sergeant Haupt said.

## Educational

# Chief awarded Thomas Rhone Scholarship

By Airman Kara Philp  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

A Luke chief received the first Thomas Rhone Scholarship recently at the 13th Annual Luftwaffe U.S. Air Force International Friendship Luncheon at Arizona State University.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kriley, 62nd Fighter Squadron maintenance superintendent, was the first recipient of the scholarship provided by the Kinman-Oldfield Family Foundation in honor of Chief Rhone, a charter chief who retired and worked for the 2nd German Training Squadron, Litchfield Park, Ariz.

“I am pleasantly surprised and honored to receive this scholarship,” Chief Kriley said. “I think this scholarship has helped the efforts of Chief Rhone and the foundation elevate their stature.”

The Luftwaffe U.S. Air Force IFF was formed to

further American and German pilot relationships. The organization has grown to sponsor an American and German exchange college student each year to ASU and a university in Germany.

Chief Rhone worked for the 2nd German Training Squadron after retiring from the Air Force. He assisted in the foundation of the Arizona Cactus Star Fighter Squadron with Jack Williams, an Arizona governor, to include German student pilot graduates and American instructor pilots in the squadron.

Last year Chief Rhone died. To honor him, the committee funded a scholarship for one chief, German or American, each year to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The criteria to receive the scholarship are strictly defined.

The award is available to any chief master sergeant, American or German, enrolled at ASU in an awards program and taking at least one course that dealt with public relations or communications.

“The quality of the applicant and the background and experience was great, I was pleased,” said Faye Key, 56th Mission Support Squadron Education Services Flight chief. “The criteria was very limiting for people to qualify for the scholarship.”

The education services flight worked on a committee with ASU to determine the winner.

“I am very fortunate that I met the criteria,” Chief Kriley said. “It is good to know there is a program that recognizes the importance of public relations and communication and how that relates to chiefs. We spend most of our time on a day-to-day basis communicating the thoughts and needs of our airmen.”

Chief Kriley hopes to see more participation from Luke chiefs in the future and to raise awareness of the this and other scholarships and tuition assistance opportunities available to military members.

“I hope to get the word out to our chiefs about this opportunity to try and get someone next year to apply for the scholarship,” Chief Kriley said.

Applications for the scholarship must be submitted by April 20.

For more information on educational opportunities, call the education office at (623) 856-4893.

## Wing Warrior

*This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.*

**Name:** Master Sgt. John Swann, 56th Operations Support Squadron  
**Duty title:** Quality Assurance chief inspector  
**Hometown:** Atlanta  
**Time in service:** 19 and a half years  
**Family:** Wife, Martina and daughter, Michelle, 11  
**Inspirations:** My family  
**Goals:** Give 100 percent to my job and still achieve my off-duty educational goals  
**Famous last words:** “When you point out a problem, make sure you are ready to offer a feasible solution.”  
**Self-description:** Family man  
**Off-duty interests:** Hiking, camping and biking  
**Commander’s comments:** “Sergeant Swann is an indispensable member of the Thunderbolt team,” said Lt. Col. David Orr, 56th OSS commander. “His scrutinizing professionalism in Quality Assurance guarantees safe operations on the line, for every mission every day. His energy and drive sets the pace for the entire operations group.”



Swann

## Luke’s Spirit

*Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.*

**Name:** 1st Lt. Ray McPherson, 56th Transportation Squadron  
**Duty title:** Vehicle Maintenance Flight commander  
**Hometown:** Kent, Wa.  
**Time in service:** 17 and a half years  
**Family:** Fiancee, Beth; daughters, Celia, 16; Jessica, 14; and Traia, 13  
**Goals:** Successfully raise three strong, confident young ladies; complete my master’s degree; and to one day command a squadron  
**Self-description:** Always trying to do the right thing, even if it’s against ‘old school’ thinking  
**Famous last words:** “That which does not kill us only makes us stronger.”  
**Hobbies, off-duty interests:** Car restoration, playing almost any sport  
**Commander’s comments:** “Lieutenant McPherson’s leadership has been key to improvements in Luke’s vehicle fleet posture,” General Sargeant said. “Keeping an aging vehicle fleet in-commission 90 percent of the time is no easy task, but that’s exactly what he and his mechanics have done.”



McPherson



# Undersecretary confirmed

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** — Peter B. Teets was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Dec. 7 as the undersecretary of the Air Force.

“I’m very genuinely honored and pleased to be selected to be the undersecretary of the Air Force,” Mr. Teets said when introduced by Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche at a recent senior staff meeting. “I intend to work hard and be a positive contributor to this great organization. I’m proud to be a part of the U.S. Air Force.”

As the Air Force’s number two civilian, Mr. Teets is responsible for all actions of the Air Force, under the direction of the secretary. He is also dual-hatted as the director of the National Reconnaissance Office. This job again falls on the undersecretary following recommendations of the Jan. 11 Space Commission Report. The most recent time in Air Force history that the undersecretary was responsible for running the NRO was from 1981 to 1986.

The Space Commission report also

assigns the undersecretary as the designated Air Force acquisition executive for space, and gives the undersecretary milestone decision authority for defense space programs through the secretary of the Air Force

Mr. Teets has an extensive background in space systems and defense programs, beginning as a flight control analysis engineer for the Titan III Space Launch Vehicle in 1963 while with Martin Marietta.

He later served as the president of the Denver operations for Martin Marietta Astronautics from 1985 until 1993. In 1999, he retired as the president and chief operating officer for Lockheed Martin Corp.

Mr. Teets holds an honorary doctorate degree, a master’s degree and a bachelor of science degree in applied mathematics from the University of Colorado. He also has a master’s degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He succeeds Carol DiBattiste who served as undersecretary from August 1999 until January 2001.

# AMC lifts requirements; children fly without seats

By Cynthia Bauer  
*Air Mobility Command Public Affairs*

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.** — Air Mobility Command recently lifted a three-year-old requirement requiring the use of car seats for children traveling aboard AMC aircraft.

The old rule, implemented in October 1998, applied to children younger than 2 who weigh less than 40 pounds and are less than 40 inches tall.

Cindy Rothenbach, a traffic management specialist with the passenger policy branch for AMC, said the former requirement was based on White House Commission for Aviation and Security recommendations.

“Since that time, the Federal Aviation Administration has not mandated the use of safety seats in scheduled commercial carriers,” she said. “As a result, some of our passengers trans-

ferring from commercial to military flights arrived without car seats, which meant they had to buy a car seat or get a loaner from the aerial ports.”

AMC officials felt the change would reduce some of the hardships placed on families traveling with small children on AMC aircraft, Ms. Rothenbach said.

Even though the requirement has been lifted, Ms. Rothenbach said the child safety seats are still a good idea.

“We still encourage the use of car seats and ask that parents use ones appropriate for their child’s size and weight,” she said

The use of booster seats, harnesses and vest child restraints are still prohibited because of an FAA ban on this type of equipment, Ms. Rothenbach said.

Questions on this policy should be directed to the nearest AMC passenger terminal.



## Luke Leader

Lt. Col. James L. Broome took command of the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Nov. 20.

**Hometown:** Winnsboro, S.C.  
**Time in service:** 18 years

**Previous Assignments:** Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.; Kadena Air Base, Japan; Shaw AFB, S.C.; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Araxos AB, Greece; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; and Hickam AFB, Hawaii

**Goals:** To do better than my best and lead others to do so also

**Inspirations:** My grandfather; the most dedicated worker I've known. On the day he died of cancer he was trying to get dressed to go to work.

**Book at bedside:** The latest in the "Left Behind" series

**Greatest feat:** Completed my master's of business administration with a 4.0 grade point average

**Self-description:** An "old school" maintenance officer; a "grunt"

**Famous last words:** "Whatever it takes."

**Favorite television show:** The Practice

**Bad habits:** Rocky Road ice cream

**Car in garage:** 1985 Mercedes Benz 500 SEL, my dad's old car

**Leadership philosophy:** Always know what you don't know, and more importantly, know who and where the people are that do know and be willing to let them work the issue



Broome

# Family Advocacy offers tips on dealing with holiday stress

Certain song lyrics like *"I'll be home for Christmas"* or *"It'll be a Blue, Blue, Christmas,"* can be heart-wrenching songs of agony instead of sweet nostalgia for some people.

Unfortunately for many in today's fast-paced world, the holidays are not storybook perfect. Long distances, poor health, finances and our military commitments keep some families and loved ones apart.

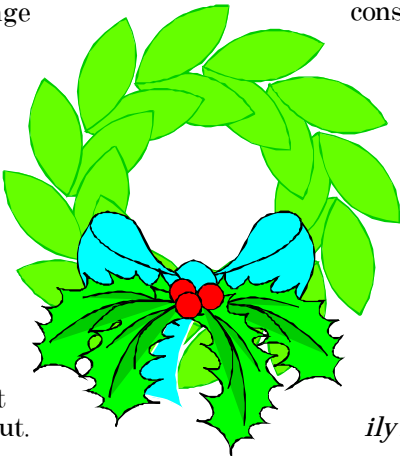
It's not uncommon to feel stress, anger, frustration, sadness, loneliness, grief, lethargy and even resentment as the season changes from autumn to winter and the holidays grow closer, said Frank Pavone, 56th Mission Support Squadron Family Advocacy outreach manager. Despite the many problems, there are ways to make the holidays a little merrier. The key is a little effort and some preplanning.

Here are some tips to help Thunderbolts avoid stress during the holidays.

♦ **Be realistic about what the holiday season is all about.** Thunderbolts should keep expectations reasonable and accept the fact that the holiday season isn't going to really change the lives of family members and friends. It won't make problems go away.

♦ **Plan holidays to avoid stress.** There is only so much anyone can do given time and financial considerations.

♦ **Try to maintain a positive outlook.** Consciously look for good things to do and avoid Scrooges who will criticize situations and people. People should make a list of all of the things and people that make them feel good and seek them out.



♦ **Get involved.** If loneliness is a concern, then let the real meaning and spirit of the holiday season come through. Turn to others who are in need, spending time giving service to others is the single, surest way to wash away the feelings of depression brought on by being alone, Mr. Pavone said.

♦ **Learn to say no.** Don't get caught up in trying to be everything to everyone. Put on the brakes and say no to unreasonable demands on time or money.

♦ **Thunderbolts should give themselves ample time on a daily basis to have fun.** Go to a movie, read a book, go to a basketball game, spend time with a good friend. Look for ways to relax and have a good time.

♦ **Be more forgiving and tolerant.** Many people may be feeling stressed out too. Try to be understanding of their shortcomings and remember kindness may be just what they need.

♦ **When making New Year's resolutions, set practical goals.** Even with the best planning there can be setbacks along the way — take these into consideration.

Above all else, remember that what really counts is what's inside of each of us. Love, understanding and compassion are our greatest assets, Mr. Pavone said. Happy holidays and may the peace and true meaning of the season be yours today and throughout the year.

For more information on how to manage stress sign up for the next stress management class at the Health and Wellness Center by calling 856-3830.

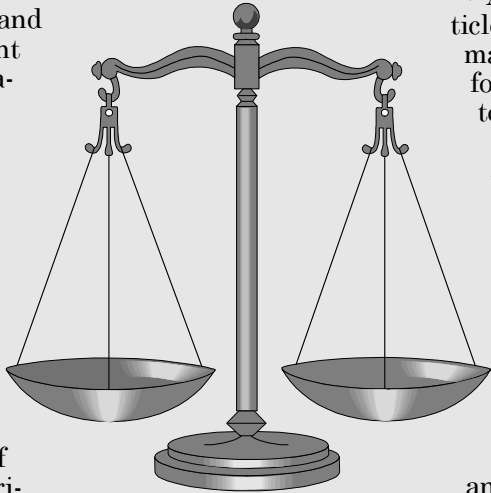
*(Courtesy of 56th Medical Group Family Advocacy)*



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“The initiative originated with the major command senior enlisted leadership,” said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch, “and it makes sense to implement the change, given our current focus on retention.”

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For more information on enlistment extensions, individuals can contact the Military Personnel Flight’s career enhancement office at (623) 856-7843.

*(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*



# Officials assess weight management program

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Elliott  
Wilford Hall Medical Center Public Affairs

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — America is fast becoming a nation of overweight people, and the U.S. Air Force is not immune to this trend.

About 54 percent of military people are overweight, and 6.2 percent are obese, according to a study done by Dr. Richard Atkinson, a professor of internal medicine at the University of Wisconsin; and reported by Reuters News Service.

In the civilian world, the majority of overweight people are women, while in the military, the reverse holds true. Atkinson said a study that shows 58.6 percent of the men and 26.1 percent of the women in the military are overweight.

“About 600 people are separated from the Air Force every year for weight reasons. That’s 600 potentially productive people lost,” said Capt. (Dr.) Christine Hunter, director of clinical programs and research in the Wilford Hall Medical Center clinical health psychology service, and the Air Force’s principal investigator for the \$1 million study.

Captain Hunter’s study is a joint project with Dr. John Foreyt at the Baylor College of Medicine. The study was recommended for funding by the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program.

“We need to find nonpunitive and practical ways to help our personnel lose weight,” Captain Hunter said.

“The weight management program can be very stressful for those people in it,” Captain Hunter said. “We want to find ways to help people manage their weight successfully before being placed on the weight management program.

“Although we want to help people before they get on

the weight management program,” Captain Hunter said, “we also want to create a flexible, but comprehensive, program that can supplement the efforts of personnel who are already in the program.”

The heightened stress of administrative placement on the weight management program may also make it more difficult for some people to lose weight, she said.

People on the program might be more likely to go to some extreme, such as going on fad diets, using diuretics, exhibiting bulimic behavior, fasting, saunas, or laxative use.

“One study found that Air Force personnel on the program are two to five times more likely to engage in bulimic behavior than comparison groups of civilians or active duty

not on the weight management program,” Captain Hunter said.

Currently, when Air Force members are identified as being overweight or over their body fat, they are assessed by medical staff and then entered into the Weight and Body Fat Management Program for an initial 90-day exercise and dietary period. After that, they are entered into a specific phase depending on their progress.

In the Air Force, about 22 percent of people weighed during the annual cycle ergometry test are tipping the scales as overweight with nearly 10 percent just five or fewer pounds below their the maximum allowable weight. These percentages are getting higher every year, Captain Hunter said.

In the proposed study, prospective participants will be identified through weigh-ins during cycle ergometry testing, since these weights are not officially entered into a person’s record.

If they are within five pounds of their maximum weight, or above, they will be contacted to see if they

want to participate. Those who are interested will come to an orientation session to get some measurements taken, such as height and weight, and will be asked about their perceived energy, dieting history, exercise schedule, etc.

“Half the participants will be randomly assigned to usual care; which is whatever they might naturally do or be told by the Air Force to do,” Captain Hunter said. “The other half will be put in the minimal contact behavioral therapy program in addition to whatever usual care services they take part in.”

In the second group, the participants will have access to all usual resources, such as the Health and Wellness Center.

However, they will also get a weight-loss manual and two follow-up phone calls from a weight management counselor to plan their own program and help solve problems.

They will also have six months special access to a Web site where they can get individualized feedback on their exercise and diet plans, ask questions and use different education programs to complement the program.

Both groups will come back at the end of six and 12 months to assess their progress.

The goal is to provide them with a flexible means of getting expert help and sustained guidance in their weight loss efforts.

About 1,200 people would take part in the study, with the participants coming from Lackland, Randolph and Brooks Air Force bases in San Antonio.

“Weight management in the military is a real hot area,” Captain Hunter said. “It’s a complex problem that will take a complex answer. We hope this can be a piece of the solution by offering a more flexible program. If this program is successful, it can be easily disseminated and distributed throughout the Air Force.

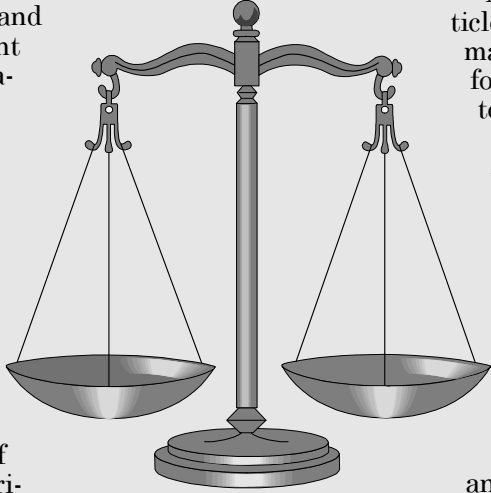
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# DART addresses drug abuse trends in AF

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — In today’s world, military people need only look around to see why it is so important they stay in shape and abstain from drugs.

The Air Force Drug Abuse Reduction Team is working to educate people on this issue and others.

The team was created in October 2000 to provide a consolidated, integrated approach to addressing drug abuse trends in the Air Force. It is comprised of people from legal, medical, security forces, personnel, public affairs, recruiting, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Reserve and National Guard components. While the group works as a whole, each component plays a different role.

The Air Force Surgeon General’s office is responsible for managing the drug-testing program, establishing the policy and providing guidance on prevention, education and outreach.

Drug abuse is of greater significance

now than in the past, said Col. Pete Durand, Air Force SG substance abuse program manager.

“Look at what’s going on in the world today,” he said. “It’s even more important than ever before that we have people who are fit and prepared. We’re all part of a team and need to believe in our heart of hearts that (the person next to us) is totally aware of what they’re doing.”

Although the number of positive drug tests is on the rise, the number of specimens collected is also up. Each year, a minimum of 75 percent of the end strength of the force must be tested, Durand said. During fiscal 2001, just under 90 percent were tested.

This increase in testing is one of the initiatives suggested by DART in an effort to combat drug usage.

While SG is responsible for setting the guidelines, Colonel Durand said it is up to unit commanders to implement the programs.

“We tried to avoid a one-shoe-fits-all (program),” he said. “Local commanders are closest to the threat and, essentially, we’ve encouraged them to be creative.”

Because the number of tests given is up, field commanders are obviously taking the drug threat seriously, Colonel Durand said.

“They have to take people away from their primary job functions (for these tests),” he said.

Another DART initiative was the implementation of weekend and holiday urinalysis testing.

“These tests are in place,” Colonel Durand said. “And many commanders are doing just that.”

Today’s tests are unlike those in the past. Prior tests were predictable, Colonel Durand said. Often they were at locations such as base theaters, and people knew they were coming. This allowed them to either take leave or be unavailable.

“Now we test often enough that we increase the perceived risk,” he said.

“Today’s tests are random, visible and unpredictable.”

Specimens are tested for marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, PCP, LSD, opiates and barbiturates. Additional tests are performed when other drugs such as ecstasy or steroids are suspected.

Although the military has seen a rise in the use of club drugs like ecstasy, marijuana is by far the most heavily abused drug in the Air Force, followed by cocaine, Durand said. In fiscal 2001, just under 320,000 active-duty specimens were taken. Of these, 1,249 tested positive for illegal substances. There were 41,000 specimens taken from basic military trainee recruits with 350 testing positive.

Not only do people who abuse drugs pose a threat to others, but to themselves. Using drugs even once can pose threats to the human body.

“Drugs are very dangerous,” Colonel Durand said. “They can affect mental capacity, memory and medical status over the long haul.”



# Thrift Savings Plan open season expires Jan. 31

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** — With the holidays fast approaching, Air Force people can give themselves a present that can last a lifetime. The Thrift Savings Plan open season for the uniformed services expires Jan. 31, so now is the perfect time to sign up.

“The end of the year is the best time to sign up,” said Maj. Jeffrey Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. “Get started in TSP with no pain by signing up now so that contributions begin at the same time as the first-of-the-year pay raise. If the anticipated pay raise goes through, there are many who will be able to start out contributing the maximum basic pay

and realize no decline in their take-home pay.”

Major Keef said that with world events and the holidays, it is easy to forget about programs such as these. While participation is voluntary, Major Keef urges Air Force people to give the program some serious consideration.

“The TSP is a great opportunity that can pay off in a big way,” Major Keef said. “Participating in this program might mean you’ll be able to afford that 35-foot recreation vehicle you’ve always dreamed about sitting in your driveway ready to roll.”

“For investment do-it-yourselfers, you’re going to find that it couldn’t be easier to get started and manage your TSP account,” he said. “You can make an election and get things started from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Employee/Member Self Service Web

site. You can then manage your account via the TSP Web site. All of this can be done right from your home computer.”

Up to 7 percent of basic pay can be contributed initially, which will increase to 10 percent by 2005. The limit on basic pay contributions will disappear altogether in 2006, and total contributions will only be subject to Internal Revenue Code limits. While the Internal Revenue Code’s annual elective deferral limit of \$11,000 will apply, there is no other special limit on incentive, special and bonus pay contributions like there is for basic pay. This program is totally separate from, and in addition to, a person’s regular military retirement plan.

For more information, call (623) 856-7028 or visit [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).





Photos by Tech. Sgt. Kevin W. Dooms

**Dominique Davis, daughter of Staff Sgts. Pamela and Michael Davis, 56th Medical Support Squadron, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7.**

# Deck the halls ...

## Luke lights base Christmas Tree, celebrates holidays

**By Staff Sgt. J. Propst**  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke Thunderbolts joined in holiday festivities Dec. 7 when they lighted the base Christmas Tree, frolicked in the snow and drank hot cocoa.

About 2,000 Team Luke members attended the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the air park.

"It went better than we ever expected," said Ernie Howard, 56th Services Squadron Community Center director. "The turn out was outstanding. We were very, very happy with how everything went and are looking forward to next year."

Though they didn't have halls to deck, attendees enjoyed various activities including 3 tons of snow; train, horse and hay rides, and caramel apples.

"It was just like real snow," said Darla

Dreessen daughter of Staff Sgts. Carl and Nancy Dreessen. "I liked it. It was hard and cold. I had fun."

The 56th SVS also provided free hot chocolate and cookies, while carolers also entertained the crowd with a few classics.

Other Thunderbolts exercised their vocal cords with karaoke. Several squadron unit advisory committees sponsored booths where children could compete in contests for prizes.

The highlight for Thunderbolt boys and girls was when Santa and Mrs. Claus came to listen to Christmas wishes. Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, was also on hand for the official lighting of the base Christmas Tree.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out and making this event a success," General Sargeant said. "It's nice to see everyone having a good time and enjoying the holiday spirit."



**Children enjoy snow at the base Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. More than 3 tons of snow was shipped in.**



**Staff Sgt. Noe Garcia, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps his daughter, Brianna, into the train.**



# Disney gives free admission

By Senior Airman Jason Smith

437th Air Wing Public Affairs

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** - Walt Disney World and Disneyland Resorts are offering active-duty military members complimentary admission to theme parks Jan. 1-April 30 as part of “Disney’s Armed Forces Salute.”

“Disney has always supported the Armed Forces,” said Randy Gerber, Walt Disney parks and resorts military sales director. “We have a great relationship with over 250 bases. In this difficult time, we want to say ‘thank you,’ and give something back those who serve the country.”

The specials at Walt Disney World Resort, Fla., and Disneyland Resort, Calif., are slightly different, according to a Disney news release.

Walt Disney World is offering active-duty service members a complimentary seven-day ticket during the offer period. Also, up to five family members and friends can receive the same type of ticket as their military sponsor for 50 percent off. The tickets are good for the Walt Disney World theme park, Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more for seven days from the issue date.

Disneyland is offering 50 percent off the price of tickets purchased by active-duty members for up to five friends. Additionally, the military sponsor of the party will receive the same type of ticket for free.

Both offers apply to reservists and guardsmen who are on active-duty orders. Spouses of active-duty members who are deployed or unable to go the parks can still receive tickets at half off as long as they have a valid active ID card. All tickets must be picked up at Disney ticket windows.

Disney All-Star Resorts and the Disney Cruise Line have also joined the program. Select Disney resorts are offering rooms starting at \$49 per night, and the cruise line is extending special rates on all of its tropical cruise itineraries for most sailings from January to May.

“We’ve already received a tremendous amount of positive feedback for Disney’s Armed Forces Salute,” said Mr. Gerber. “I walked out of work very tired after finalizing the press releases and getting this whole thing together. I started getting responses saying ‘this is the best offer yet,’ and ‘we’re very proud of Disney.’ It just felt great.”

Currently, Disney is finalizing public service announcements by some of its top talent on how people can help the effort of the United States in the war on terrorism. Disney talent is also preparing to travel to military installations overseas as part of a USO tour starting in January. While the show is all but finalized, Gerber said he couldn’t release the names of any of the celebrities yet.

“We’re always eager to give what we can to the military,” Mr. Gerber said. “We’re very proud of our corporate leadership. Without the support and green light from people like Michael Eisner (Disney CEO), we wouldn’t be able to sponsor programs like this.”

“Obviously, if you don’t have the funds, it’s a great deal,” Master Sgt. Charles Gosner, 437th Logistics Support Squadron first sergeant said. “Disney is really taking care of us, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. They did this out of the kindness of their hearts.”

Airman 1st Class Erin Prall, 437th Airlift Wing chaplain’s assistant, said she had plans to go to Disney World already, but the free offer will get her there sooner.

“I’m definitely going in January,” said Airman Prall. “Free admission to Disney World? You can’t beat that. Count me in.”

The Disney promotion doesn’t apply to retirees or traditional Guard and Reserve members, but Mr. Gerber said discounted tickets are still available through base ticket offices.

For more information about Disney tickets, call (407) 939-7424. For more information about Disney Cruise Line specials, call 1-888-325-2500.

## Outdoor Recreation

The 56th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on trips or rental equipment, call (623) 856-6267 or go to [www.luke.af.mil/56services](http://www.luke.af.mil/56services). Click on the community support link and then outdoor recreation.

### ***Festival of Lights***

A Red Rock Fantasy Festival of Lights tour at Los Abrigados Resort in Sedona is Wednesday. The cost is \$25 per person.

### ***Rentals***

Outdoor recreation offers equipment rentals, including camping, fishing, lawn and garden equipment and boats. Rentals are available to anyone with a valid military ID card.

### ***Laughlin***

A Laughlin, Nev., gaming tour is Sunday. The cost of \$5 per person includes transportation, buffet and coupon book.

### ***Mexico shopping***

A shopping trip to Algodones, Mexico, is Saturday. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes transportation.

### ***Ice fishing***

An ice fishing trip in the White Mountains is Dec. 29. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, guides and a small lunch.

### ***Shop Sedona***

A shopping trip to Sedona is Jan. 27. The cost \$20 per person includes trasportation.

## Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$3 per adult and \$1.50 for children 11 and under. For more information or for a movie schedule, e-mail [lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com](mailto:lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com).



### Today

#### “Domestic Disturbance” (PG-13)

Stars John Travolta, Vince Vaughn, Teri Polo, Steve Buscemi and Matthew O’Leary.

Frank Morrison is a divorced father who only wants the best for his troubled 11-year-old son Danny . Since he and his wife divorced a few years ago, Danny has had a history of lying. After a few years Danny’s mother remarries Rick Barnes, a wealthy newcomer who can give Danny the things Frank can’t.

Before the wedding is over, Danny begins telling Frank troubling stories. When the boy relates a tale of murder, Frank struggles with whether he should believe his son. Frank soon finds out his son’s new step father is not what he claims to be. As events first support and then contradict Danny’s stories, Frank realizes his time is running out and embarks on a mission to save his son. *(103 minutes)*



### Saturday

#### Free Sneak Preview 2 p.m. “Jimmy Neutron” (G)

Stars Martin Short, Rob Paulsen and Patrick Stewart.

In the sneak preview of “Jimmy Neutron,” Jimmy Neutron is a kid who battles evil, rescues his parents, and saves the Earth. Jimmy is always inventing gadgets to make his life in the small town of Retroville more interesting.

Jimmy and his friends are anxiously awaiting the opening night of the Retroland Amusement Park. When his parents forbid him to go, he and his friends sneak out. While having the time of his life, Jimmy wishes that his parents would vanish so he can do whatever he wants, whenever he wants.

Meanwhile, all the parents in Jimmy’s hometown are kidnapped by invading aliens, a group of hilarious, gross, green egg-yoke creatures with eyes that sit in glass shells. Initially absorbed with celebrating the absence of parental control, Jimmy and his classmates quickly discover that they have no one to turn to when things don’t go right. They not only need, but want their parents back.

In his lab, Jimmy discovers the whereabouts of the missing adults. Armed with his inventions, Jimmy and his buddies soar to rescue their parents. *(90 minutes)*

### Sunday at 6 p.m.

#### “Riding in Cars with Boys” (PG-13)

Stars Drew Barrymore, Brittany Murphy, James woods, Steve Zahn and Lorraine Bracco.

Beverly is a woman who had grand dreams as a teenager only to find them derailed by her weakness for boys, which resulted in an accidental pregnancy.

As she grows up and raises her son, she to comes terms with how her life has gone so far while and discovering how to be a mother. She struggles with her identity, her relationships and her goals, and eventually she finds the strength to pursue her dreams. *(132 minutes)*



### Dec. 21

#### “The One” (PG-13)

Stars Jet Li, Carla Gugin, Delroy Lindo and Jason Statham.

Police officer Gabriel Yulaw face-to-face with villainous forms of himself escaped from a parallel universe. He tries to fight off his evil versions who assume more energy and power with each self he kills. In so doing Yulaw begins to realize his perception of reality is changing. Yulaw must confront the evil which already lies hidden in himself. *(80 minutes)*



# Chapel News

## Worship schedule

The following services and classes are at the Luke Community Chapel unless stated otherwise:

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday traditional service is at 8 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday school program is at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday gospel service is at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall
- ♦ Sunday contemporary service is at 11 a.m.; children’s church is also available
- ♦ “Singles at the Way” is Saturdays at 6 p.m.
- ♦ “Youth at the Way” is Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

### Catholic

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.



- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon
- Jewish**
- ♦ Shabbat service is at 6 p.m. every fourth Friday

### Muslim

- ♦ Muslim worship is today at 1 p.m.

## Religious education

- ♦ Confirmation classes are Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ CCD classes are at 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1150 in the third floor atrium
- ♦ Baptism seminars for parents of children under 7 years old are at 7 p.m. every first and second Monday of every month at “The Way.”

## Youth events

- ♦ The junior Catholic youth group meets Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ The Catholic youth group meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information on these programs, call (623) 856-6211.

# Around Base

## Tracking Santa

Thunderbolts can track Santa online Christmas Eve at the North American Aerospace Defense Command’s website, [www.noradsanta.com](http://www.noradsanta.com).



## Rio Salado holiday hours

Hours for Rio Salado College testing and advisement will change for the holidays Dec. 26, 27 and 28. Testing is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these days; advisement is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Holidaze Night Out

Youth 6 to 12 years old can celebrate the holiday season with friends, listen and dance to music, sing karaoke, make crafts or play in the gym during the Holidaze Night Out and from 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 21 at the youth center, bldg. 1143. Cost is \$6 per person. Appropriate shoes must be worn in the gym.

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## Gift Wrapping

Gift-givers are invited to wrap their holiday presents at the community center through Dec. 21. Cost is 50 cents per package as large as 24-by-24 inches and includes paper, ribbon, and bow. Call (623)856-7152 for more information.



## Santa visits

Santa will deliver presents to children in military family housing Thursday and Dec. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Parents can make reservations starting Dec. 17 at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the community center at (623) 856-7152 for details.

## Free veterinary care

The Arizona Humane Society offers free veterinary services for Luke personel Tuesday through Thursday at the base veterinary clinic. Service include spay or neuter surgery and vaccinations for dogs and cats. To schedule an appointment call (623)856-6734.

## Enlisted club New Year’s Eve party

The Desert Star Enlisted Club New Year’s Eve celebration buffet and party is Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. Celebrations will include party favors, champagne and DJ entertainment in the ballroom and main lounge. Reservations are required. Party only reservations cost \$10 per person. Buffet and party are \$25 per person. The buffet is served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and includes prime rib beef with au jus, fried shrimp, chicken Santa Fe, roasted red potaoes, fried vegetables, seasoned green beans, dessert bar and a glass of wine. Call (623)856-7136 for reservation.

## Officers’ Club New Year’s Eve party

The Officers’ Club New Year’s Eve party begins at 6 p.m. Buffet is served from 7 to 8 p.m. with entertainment provided by Fred Keefe Orchestra. Tickets include party favors, buffet, dessert and one bottle of Champagne per couple. Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 22 and are \$35 per member and spouse, \$45 per guest. A New Year’s Eve dinner only is also available. Club members may choose from bourbon filet strips for \$19.95, salmon filet for \$15.95, and chicken marsala for \$13.95. All meals include dessert and a glass of champagne per person. Seating is at 5:30 and 8 p.m. Call (623)856-6446 for reservations.

## Troops to Teachers

Military personnel interested in becoming teachers may contact the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at (800) 830-2134 for certification information.

## Arts and crafts fair

Art League West sponsors an arts and crafts fundraising fair Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wildlife World Zoo. Proceeds from this event benefit the Luke community.

## Donors needed

United Blood Services is conducting a blood drive today and Saturday. For an appointment, contact a squadron representative or visit [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and use sponsor code: LAFB.

## Frame shop special

Give family portraits and holiday gifts an extra special touch with custom matting and framing from the frame shop. Buy one mat and get the second mat free now until Dec. 31. Call (623)856-6722 for more details.

## Holiday concert

The West Valley Fine Arts Council and Phoenix Theater presents “An American Holiday Concert” Monday at 7 p.m. at the base theater. The concert features traditional Christmas songs, show tunes and patriotic favorites. Admission is free.

## FCC office closed

The Family Care Center Office is closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.









Tech. Sgt. Mark Davis  
*Terry Mack (center), 61st Fighter Squadron, tries to make an interception intended for Jason Schell (left), 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight, at Monday night's flag football game. The 61st FS out gunned the 56th EMS team 19-9.*

# Top Dogs sack Ammo 19-9

By Airman Susan McQueary  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 61st Fighter Squadron Top Dogs out gunned the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight 19-9 at a flag football game Monday night.

Within seconds, Ammo caught the Top Dogs off guard and scored a touchdown, which was the only time EMS had victory in their grasp.

The Top Dogs came back with a touchdown by Albert Dawman three minutes later.

A failed extra point attempt allowed Ammo to keep the lead, 7-6.

A few minutes later, Terry Mack ran untouched for 60 yards to score another touchdown for the Top Dogs. The 61st FS played for the extra point and again failed, but they led 12-7 at halftime.

The second half began with a pass to Ammo's team member Marcel Arel. Ernest Evans, 61st FS, flagged Arel at the 20-yard line.

Ammo's quarterback, Frank Figueroa, then completed a pass to Michael Mayfield, who got flagged at the 5-yard line.

On the next play, Ammo's Figueroa threw a pass to Roderick Henderson, who ran out of bounds.

Then, Top Dogs' Evans intercepted the touchdown pass, which gave the Top Dogs possession.

The interception was overcome a short time later when Ammo team members let out yells of excitement as Ammo's Jesse Jenkins flagged the Top Dogs' key player, Mack, for a two-point safety in the end zone. The 61st FS lead was cut to 12-9.

After two incomplete passes by the Ammo quarterback Figueroa, the 61st got possession of the ball. Jeffrey O'Hagan, Top Dogs, then squeezed by to the 30-yard line and ran out-of-bounds.

The 61st FS quarterback, Bryan Longfellow, made a complete pass to William Holmes for a first down.

With two minutes remaining, Top Dogs' O'Hagan passed to Evans at the goal line who was immediately flagged by Ammo's Jason McLeod.

A complete pass to Mack then scored a touchdown for the 61st. Evans caught the extra point pass for another point and the 61st led, 19-9.

With one minute remaining, Top Dogs' Evans intercepted a pass from Ammo's Figueroa.

The game turned into tackle when Shawn Tinsley plowed 61st player, Kenneth Tennyson, and a yellow flag was thrown.

Time was called after Top Dogs' O'Hagan threw passes to Evans and Mack. The score stood at 19-9.

## Strike ...



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

*Eric Joles, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight, bowls Friday at the squadron bowling day. Squadron bowling parties are available at Luke Lanes. For more information, call Luke Lanes at (623) 856-6529.*

## Sports Shorts

### Youth basketball

Saturday is the last day parents can register their children ages 6 to 12 to play in a winter basketball league. The season begins Jan. 19 and the cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call (623) 856-7470.

### Volunteers needed

The youth center needs adult volunteers for head and assistant basketball coaches for the youth winter basketball league. Call Amy Heil at (623) 856-7470 for more information.

### Youth bowling

Parents can register youth ages 5 to 18 from Jan. 2 to 24 at the youth center for a youth bowling tournament. The tournament is Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Luke Lanes and the cost is \$6 per person. Parents must accompany children ages 12 and younger. A copy of birth certificate or military ID is needed at time of registration to verify the child's age. For more information, call (623) 856-7470.

### Varsity soccer

Luke's varsity soccer team has started training for the upcoming season. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at softball field three. Tryouts are held Jan. 8. Call Capt. Guy Majkowski at (623) 856-4047 for more information.

### Golf tournament

The Falcon Dunes Golf Course is sponsoring a Holiday Jangler Golf Tournament Sunday at 8 a.m. Players may sign up as a team or individually. The cost is \$40 for active-duty military and \$45 for all others. The fee includes greens fees, range balls, a holiday lunch, tee-prizes and awards. Register at the golf shop or call (623) 535-8355 for more information.

### Varsity volleyball

Varsity volleyball is recruiting new players. The first competition is Jan. 13. Call Capt. Dave Tupaj at (623) 856-6294 for more information.

### Aerobic center

The aerobic center's hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Aerobic classes are \$2 per class or \$20 per month for unlimited participation for dependents and civilian employees. Classes are free for active-duty military members. Call (623) 856-7152 for aerobic class times and for more information.

### T-ball registration

Parents can register their children ages 5 to 14 at the youth center Jan. 7 to play spring T-ball. The cost is \$30 per player and the season begins in March. In addition, adult volunteers are needed for coaching positions. For more information, call Amy Heil at (623) 856-7471.

### Tee times at Falcon Dunes

Active-duty military members may make tee-time reservations seven days in advance. Retirees and Defense Department civilians may make tee-time reservations five days in advance. For more information or to make tee time reservations call (623) 535-8355.

### Teen tournaments

Teens, 13 to 18 years old, can show off their fine-tuned skills by participating in a variety of tournaments from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 27 at the youth center. Games include pool, foosball and air hockey. The tournaments are free and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call the youth center at (623) 856-6225.

### Swim lessons

The aquatic program offers private swimming lessons for adults at \$10 per 30-minute session. Call (623) 856-9334 to schedule lessons or for more information.

















